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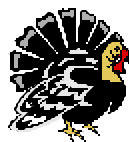
## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to instances fully steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. No trading was reported. Offerings were light. Negotiations are in full swing with most interest noted for Thanksgiving. Demand was light to fair. Bulk parts and bulk meats trading was fair. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to adequate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate with the most interest noted from Mexico and Russia, also other areas showing improved interest. Inquiry was moderate with light offerings.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 10, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	62	62.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.40 **	64.00 **	61.43
CENTRAL REGION	65.43	64.00	62.80 **
WESTERN REGION	64.50 **	64.70 **	63.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00 **	64.00	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	62.00	62.00 **	60.90 **
WESTERN REGION	62.50 **	62.70 **	60.80 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	64-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 14-MAR-2005

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	77.29	6,199,000
16-24 lbs.	72.89	2,239,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	80,000
16-24 lbs.	--	20,000

Total Volume: 8,538,000

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 05-Mar-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW		WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
North East	705	-5	24.58	(A)	705 24.58
South Atlantic	532	-9	33.70	(A)	532 33.70
North Central	1,928	3	34.13	(A)	1,928 34.13
South Central	474	6	22.05	(A)	474 22.05
West	322	9	24.67	(A)	322 24.67
U.S. total	3,961(B)	0	30.16	0	3,961 30.16
To-date					
2005	36,509(B)			32	36,541
To-date					
2004	37,541(B)			81	37,622

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date 267,000; for last year to date 353,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	386,142*
March 1 - 5, 2005	76,461*

To date 2005	867,501*
To date 2004	847,747*

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 05-Mar-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,466	2,470	25	0	3,961
Avg Wt	16.43	38.34	26.53	0.00	30.16
Last week	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Same wk yr ago	1,729	2,515	73	24	4,341
Avg Wt	15.38	35.86	26.17	30.35	27.51
To-date/2005	13,699	22,543	267	32	36,541
To-date/2004	15,197	21,991	353	81	37,622

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 MARCH 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to instances firm, mostly steady to fully steady; destrapped tenderloins and breast trim about steady; balance of white meat steady to barely steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat was moderate to instances good, balance of white meat slow to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to adequate and being held with increasing confidence; frozen tom breast meat light; breast trim spotty; balance of white meat adequate to fully adequate. Domestic trading was moderately active on fresh tom breast meat and moderate on tom necks, balance slow. Export trading was moderate on frozen thigh meat, balance slow. Export interest was noted from Mexico and Russia. For domestic: livers 25 (pet foods), fresh wing meat with skin 106, Grade A non-basted breasts: 8-10 lb. 100, 12-14 lb. 110-125, 14-18 lb. 135, 18-20 lb. 140 cents delivered. For export: 4-10 lb. -85% lean ground turkey 62 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	39.45	55
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	34.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	36.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	85.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.40	200
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	152.80	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	154.00-165.00		155.90	508
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	138.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	115.00		115.00	40
TENDERLOINS	152.00		152.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	169.00		169.00	30
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	27.00		27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00-27.00		26.20	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	32.39	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	37.24	478
TAILS	24.00		24.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	23.99	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00-100.00		94.27	256

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to firm with fresh in the strongest position, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim steady, wing meat with skin and scapula steady to barely steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat moderate to good, frozen wing meat with skin very light to light with some sellers looking for buyer interest, tom breast meat and the balance of white meat light. Offerings of fresh and frozen tom breast meat light with asking prices trending higher, breast trim spotty, scapula and wing meat with skin adequate on fresh to fully adequate on frozen. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady on drums and necks, steady to instances weak on wings. Demand light to moderate with increased export interest noted. Some industry members started watching South Korea with interest. Trading was active on open priced fresh tom breast with 165 cent price ceilings and light on open priced frozen tom breast meat with 168 cent price ceilings for March deliveries, moderately active on 4-8 lb. for domestic shipments and on frozen thigh meat and various other items for export, and improved on tom full-cut wings for domestic and export shipments at the lower trending price levels. For domestic: defatted gizzards 59, fresh: ground wing meat with skin 62.50, wing meat with skin 110, scapula 125-127, breast trim 144-148 cents delivered. For export: hen necks 20, livers 23 cents delivered.

		WEEKLY				
DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	98.50-100.00		99.18	440	99.00	480
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	135.00-160.00		135.20	127	137.07	147
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	93.00	40	92.70	47
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.80	100	39.80	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	40.00	80	40.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	20	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00-35.00		33.64	440	33.78	509
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00		45.00	100	40.57	289
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	85.00	20	83.00	60
NECKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		19.75	106	19.61	342
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	155.00-160.00		157.84	376	155.53	1184
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00-93.00		92.47	150	92.70	270
BREAST TRIM MEAT	137.00		137.00	40	137.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	114.00-115.00		114.33	60	115.29	140
TENDERLOINS	145.00		145.00	40	147.06	89
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.50-153.50		151.83	60	149.50	260
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	167.00		167.00	12	168.43	42
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40	28.12	91
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-33.00		28.54	102	26.99	302
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	208	39.16	248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	30.00		30.00	312	30.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00-47.00		40.33	312	38.46	790
TAILS		R	24.00	160	24.17	360
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40	24.54	360
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00-90.00		88.31	408	89.87	872

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